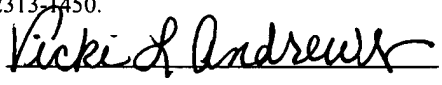




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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Communication mailed September 22, 2005. The one-month extended deadline for filing a response falls on January 22, 2006 (a Sunday). A one-month Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are filed herewith. Therefore, Applicants believe that this response is being timely filed. In the event that there are any additional fees required in connection with this response, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2415, referencing Docket No. 30923-702.306.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Listing of the Claims**, reflecting the status of the claims, begins on page 4 of this paper.

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**Conclusion** is on page 9 of this paper.